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## FINANCIAL SERVICES REPUBLICAN MORNING CLIPS 11.17.2010

Wall Street Journal: "Osborne Says U.K. Is Ready to Help Ireland ... The U.K. is ready to help Ireland tackle its mounting debt problems, Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne said Wednesday."

Wall Street Journal: "Sweeping Irish Aid Package in Works ... Senior European officials laid the groundwork for a bailout of Ireland that could reach &euro;100 billion (\$136 billion), saying experts would travel this week to Dublin to examine the country's finances amid alarm about the dire straits of the Irish banking system."

Wall Street Journal: "U.S. Sets 50 Bank Probes ... The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. is conducting about 50 criminal investigations of former executives, directors and employees at U.S. banks that have failed since the start of the financial crisis."

Wall Street Journal: "Stung by Criticism, Fed Officials Reply ... Federal Reserve officials, taken aback by sharp criticism of their decision to print money and buy \$600 billion in Treasury bonds, are counterpunching to defend themselves and, in some cases, to reinforce their commitment to the policy."

Wall Street Journal: "IL&P Reliance on ECB Funding Rises ... Mortgage lender and insurer Irish Life & Permanent PLC said Wednesday its reliance on funding from the European Central Bank has increased, signaling that Irish banks continue to face funding pressures that could eventually lead to an international bailout of the country."

Wall Street Journal: "BOE Wants to Be Less Intrusive ... The Bank of England plans to adopt a less-intrusive approach to overseeing U.K. banks when it takes over the role of Britain's primary financial supervisor in 2012, according to people familiar with the matter."

Wall Street Journal: "Pressure Builds Over Loan Modifying ... State attorneys general are intensifying pressure on lenders to fix the system they use to modify mortgages as part of a potential settlement in their multistate investigation of the foreclosure problems."

Wall Street Journal: "SEC May Extend Circuit Breakers ... A program to halt trading in volatile U.S. stocks is likely to be extended beyond its expiration date next month, giving regulators and exchanges more time to develop longer-term remedies for the wild price swings that occurred in the May 6 "flash crash.""

Wall Street Journal: "AIG Discloses Financial Figures, Absent Alico, AIA ... American International Group Inc., preparing to court private investors for the first time since its 2008 bailout, gave details of what its financial statements would have looked like absent units it is selling and after converting the U.S. government's stake to common stock."

Wall Street Journal: "Goldilocks and the China Bears ... Rising inflation threatens China's goldilocks economy. That may sound like hyperbole, given that the country's consumer price index remains quiescent by most standards. Last week, the October figures showed prices rising at 4.4% year on year, up from 3.6% in September. This is particularly painful for China's poor, and so officials need to contain it right away to preserve social stability."

Washington Post: "Ireland to Begin Talks in Prelude to Possible EU Aid ... European Union and International Monetary Fund experts will start scanning the books of Ireland's debt-laden banks tomorrow in Dublin in a prelude to a possible aid package to stem Europe's widening fiscal crisis."

Washington Post: "States, mortgage lenders in talks over fund for borrowers in foreclosure mess ... State attorneys general and the country's biggest lenders are negotiating to create a nationwide fund to compensate borrowers who can prove they lost their home in an improper foreclosure, state and industry officials said."

Washington Post: "Don't underestimate foreclosure crisis, watchdog warns ... A congressional oversight panel warned on Tuesday that a widespread problem of flawed and fraudulent foreclosure paperwork could upend the housing market and undermine the nation's financial stability. The report comes just as the issue is drawing greater scrutiny this week in Washington."

Washington Post: "Lawmakers seek to change Federal Reserve's mission ... Two influential Republican lawmakers called Tuesday for a fundamental remaking of the Federal Reserve's mission, arguing that the central bank should stop trying to reduce unemployment and instead focus solely on keeping inflation low."

Washington Post: "Playing politics could be Federal Reserve's downfall ... I started to write an ironic, playful column comparing the Federal Reserve's decline to that of Yankees' shortstop Derek Jeter. Both are still pretty good compared to what else is out there, but they're sure not what they used to be."

NY Times: "A New G.M., but Not an End to the Bailout Era ... After the bailout, now comes the bail-in."

NY Times: "Currency Fight With China Divides U.S. Business ... For American business, the United States currency dispute with China is a two-sided coin."

NY Times: "Republican Proposal Takes Aim at Fed's Dual Role ... Criticism of the Federal Reserve intensified on Tuesday as conservative Republican lawmakers called for limiting the central bank's mandate to keeping inflation low."

NY Times: "Preventing Flash Crashes ... "The Flash Crash, in Miniature" (Business Day, Nov. 9) spells out a few things being considered by regulators to lessen the chances of another flash crash or the mini-flash crashes that occur all too often in financial markets."

LA Times: "Lehman Bros. sues Irvine mortgage company it blames for failed loans ... Lehman Bros., the storied investment bank that failed in 2008 while holding piles of bad real estate loans, has filed suit against an Irvine mortgage company for allegedly misrepresenting the strength of loans it sold to the Wall Street firm."

USA Today: "Congressional hearings raise renewed foreclosure concerns ... Foreclosures are hitting homeowners who are not in default and banks are tacking on excessive fees that can drive borrowers into foreclosure, according to testimony Tuesday before a congressional committee."

USA Today: "Wall Street cash bonuses may grow ... New York state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli says cash bonuses on Wall Street may be even larger this year than after last year's record performance for the financial center."

